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DOCUMENTATION OF MANUSCRIPTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to launch a scheme to document Indian manuscripts scattered across the globe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering setting up a National Manuscripts Library; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) : National Mission for Manuscripts has been launched to locate, enumerate, preserve and catalogue Indian manuscripts in India and abroad with a view to enhancing their access and conserving them for posterity.

(c) & (d) : As part of the Mission Activities, National Manuscripts Library is to be set up in Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi. The library is to be a central repository for original and microfilm/copies of all Indian manuscripts.